

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-18 are presently active in this case. Claims 1-18 have been amended to avoid possible antecedent basis problems, to correct minor formal errors, and to use language more commonly found in U.S. claims.

With respect to antecedent basis, Claim 1 recited “respective *drive* wheels” while providing clear antecedent basis for only the recital of “wheels.” Accordingly the word “drive” is being deleted. Claims 1 and 3 further recited “a ground control load sensor for measuring *the* ground contact load” without a previous recital of “a ground contact load.” Accordingly, this language has been modified to read “a ground control load sensor for measuring ground contact load” to avoid any problem as to proper antecedent basis in both of these claims.

The Claim 2 language of “said one hub unit” has been modified to read “ said one of the hub units,” the language of Claims 4 and 5 reciting “the ground contact load on the wheel at the front is smaller than the predetermined range during turning, the engine output is controlled” has been changed to “the ground contact load on the wheel at the a front of the vehicle is smaller than the predetermined range during turning, engine output is controlled,” to avoid the problem that there was no previous recital in these claims or their parent claims of a “front” or of an “engine.”

Claims 1 and 3 have also been amended to change the language “the system being characterized in that” to the more usual U.S. language “wherein,” and the clarifying term “respective” has been added before the term “wheel.”

Dependent Claims 2 and 4- 18 have all been modified to add a “,” before “wherein” to better comply with the usual practice in this country.

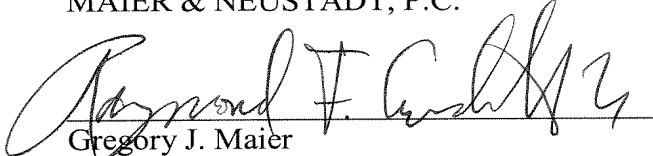
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Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the above noted amendments to Claims 1-18 are clearly formal corrections that do not introduce any new matter, do not require any new search, and do not raise any other issues requiring any further examination considerations.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.312 be entered as being directed only to corrections of matters of form.

Respectfully submitted,

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